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For : COLOR TONERS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD  
USING THE COLOR TONERS

**FIRST REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION**

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In response to the final Office Action dated July 24, 2006, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application for the reasons set forth below.

Claims 1 (independent), 4 - 7 (dependent on 1) and 25 (independent), all directed to methods for forming a full-color image, are in the application. No claim has been allowed.

***The Claimed Invention***

The invention defined in claims 1, 4 - 7 and 25 is concerned with improvements in methods that use non-contact fixing for forming a full color (yellow-magenta-cyan) image. In particular, the method recited in each of independent claims 1 and 25 includes the following combination of features:

- (a) non-contact fixing is employed;
- (b) the color toners used have specifically identified yellow, magenta and cyan pigments;